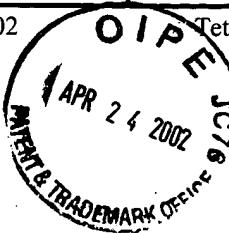
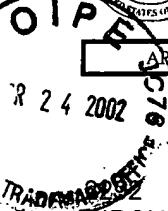




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
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- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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April 24, 2002

Sir:

The application papers for the above-identified application were originally filed on January 28, 2002 and the application was assigned Appl. No. 10/056,485.

DOCUMENTATION

- Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration of the inventor(s) (original photocopy), necessary for completing the filing requirements in connection with the above-identified application.
- Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.41(c) and 1.53(f), attached hereto is the executed Declaration that was attached to the specification at the time of execution. The attached specification is a true copy of the specification that was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on January 28,

2002, including any amendments thereto (if applicable) filed on even date therewith.

The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 0445-0317P on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration, corresponds to Appl. No. 10/056,485, filed January 28, 2002, entitled "ABSORBENT ARTICLE."

Attached are _____ () sheet(s) of formal drawings.

Attached is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

Attached is an English language translation of the above-identified application that was filed in a foreign language.

See the attached Translator's Verification; or

The undersigned states that the English translation attached hereto is a true and correct translation of the application as originally filed in a foreign language.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Submitted concurrently herewith **under separate cover** for recording is an Assignment.

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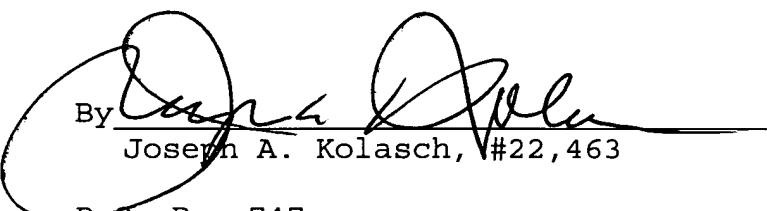
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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